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REMOVAL OF THE MT LANGDON HIKING SHELTER: PUBLIC NOTICE OF SECTION 106 REVIEW AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

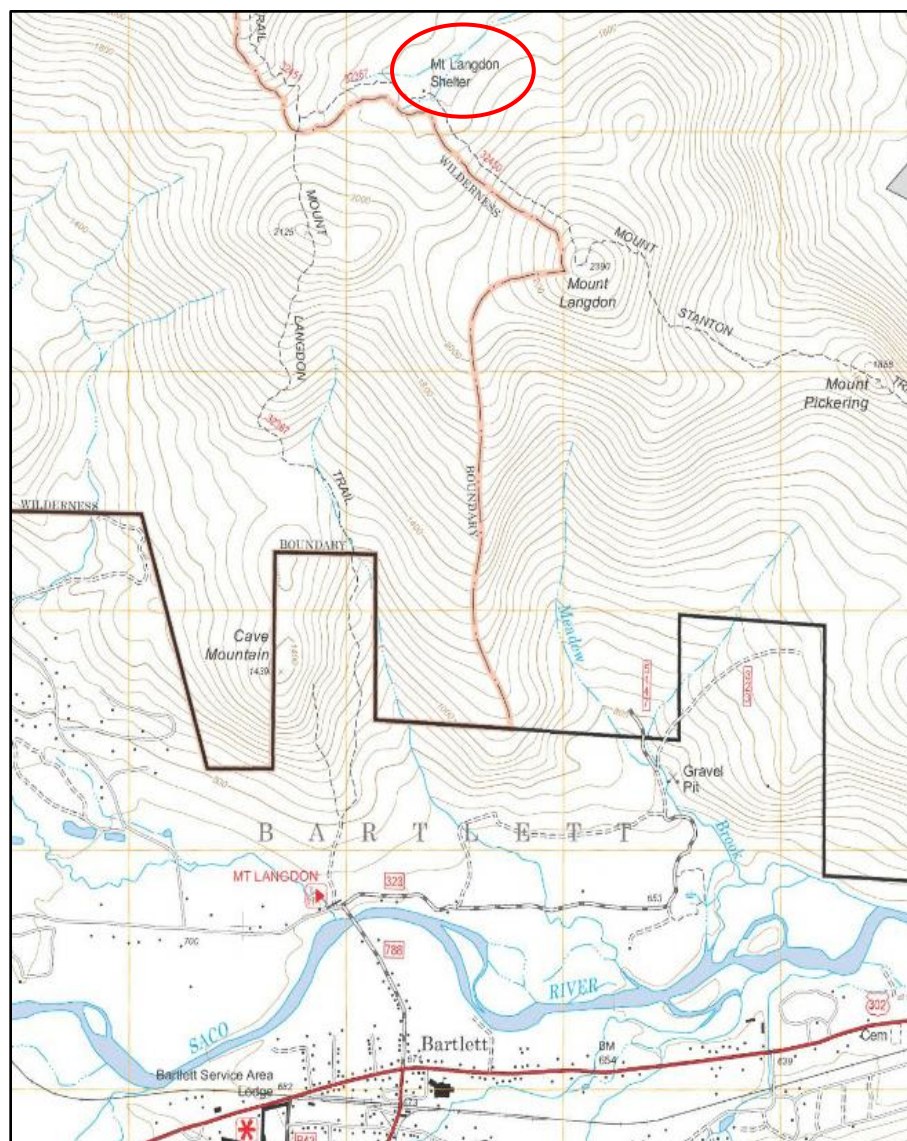


The White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) is proposing to dismantle and remove the Mt. Langdon hiking shelter. The Mt. Langdon shelter is a historic log Adirondack lean-to hiking shelter, built in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The tradition of hiking shelter construction in the White Mountains goes back more than 100 years. In 1935, the WMNF began to build shelters that followed the new standard "USFS Plan for Forest Camp Adirondack Shelter." These shelters, 16'4" wide by 11'6" deep, and 9ft high at the ridgepole, were built of peeled horizontal logs 8-10 inches in diameter, notched at the back corners with half-cut log joints. The CCC built several shelters according to this plan on the WMNF. Only two of these are still standing: Coppermine shelter (1935) and Mt. Langdon (1936). Mt. Langdon shelter contributes to the historic significance of the WMNF Hiking Shelter System Historic District, which is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The shelter is located on the Mt. Langdon Trail, about 3 miles from the Mt. Langdon trailhead on Cobb Farm Road in the town of Bartlett, New Hampshire.

The WMNF is issuing this public notice as a part of its responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800, the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended. Section 106 consultation under the NHPA requires federal agencies, including the US Forest Service, to identify and consider the potential effects of their actions on historic properties through a collaborative framework for seeking, discussing and considering the views of the public on addressing adverse effects to historic properties resulting from a proposed Federal action. The removal of the Mt. Langdon shelter will result in the loss of a historic shelter that contributes to the significance of the WMNF Hiking Shelter System Historic District, and the WMNF has determined, in consultation with the NH State Historic Preservation Office, that this will be an adverse effect.

As mitigation for the adverse effect, the WMNF is proposing to maintain and preserve the Coppermine shelter, located on the Coppermine Trail in Easton, NH, as the last remaining example of this shelter style and the CCC legacy of shelter building on the WMNF. In addition, the Mt. Langdon shelter has been documented with measured drawings and a series of recent photographs, and its history is captured in the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources Area Form for the WMNF Hiking Shelter System Historic District. The original 1935 design drawing will be maintained in the permanent files of the WMNF.

For a full description of the WMNF Hiking Shelter System Historic District and its historic significance, including maps, photos, and drawings, please see the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources Area Form at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/whitemountain/learning/history-culture>



If you would like to comment on the proposed mitigation measures or receive more information, please contact Sarah Jordan, White Mountain National Forest Heritage Program Manager, at sarah.jordan@usda.gov or 603-536-6240, by September 19, 2019. Comments may also be sent by mail to Sarah Jordan, 71 White Mountain Dr., Campton, NH 03223.

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